

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 3, 2022

AGENDA NO. 24

REPORT: California Air Resources Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: The California Air Resources Board held meetings on May 19 and May 20, 2022. The following is a summary of the meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Gideon Kracov, Member
South Coast AQMD Governing Board

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The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) held a meeting remotely on May 19 and 20, 2022 via a web-based videoconferencing service. The key items presented are summarized below.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

22-7-1: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the California Air Resources Board's Racial Equity and Diversity Efforts

The Board heard an update on CARB's racial equity and diversity efforts as it relates to implementation of Board Resolution 20-33. On October 28, 2020, the Board approved Resolution 20-33, which directs staff to establish and continue enhancing proactive measures to ensure racial equity permeates all of CARB's activities, both internal and external. These efforts are outlined in CARB's Racial Equity Framework which describes the conceptual framework to improve racial equity and provides a model of organizational changes in the agency to accomplish this. The Board heard from staff on efforts at CARB including the Diversity and Racial Equity Task Force's 90 Day Challenge, CARB's proposed concept for a Racial Equity Assessment Lens, and other updates that show CARB's ongoing development and implementation of its racial equity efforts.

22-7-2: Public Meeting to Receive Informational Update on Assembly Bill 617 Statewide Strategy

The Board heard an update on revisions to the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Statewide Strategy, known as the Blueprint. The Blueprint was first approved by the Board in

2018, and outlines California’s process for identifying disproportionately impacted communities and developing strategies to reduce emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in those communities. AB 617 requires CARB to update the Blueprint every five years. The Board was informed on the Blueprint revision progress by a representative panel of the AB 617 Consultation Group. The Consultation Group, chaired by Board Member Dr. John Balmes, was formed in 2020 to begin the revision of the current Blueprint. The Consultation Group provided recommended changes to the Blueprint that would more deeply empower community members, improve governance of community steering committees, and apply a racial equity lens to the work of achieving emissions and exposure reductions in these disproportionately impacted communities. CARB staff also presented efforts to re-envision the Blueprint to bring benefits to a greater number of impacted communities in California.

South Cost AQMD Staff Comments/Testimony: Staff participated in an AB 617 focused panel to share lessons learned and provide recommendations for updates to CARB’s Program Blueprint revision. Key highlights emphasized the need for flexibility according to individual community needs, establishing community readiness for the AB 617 process, and setting stakeholder expectations for developing Community Emission Reduction Plans.

22-7-3: 2020-2021 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards

The Board presented the 2020-2021 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards recognizing outstanding air quality achievements in research, climate change science, technology advancements, and environmental justice. The six awards for 2020 and 2021 were given to extraordinary individuals who have made significant and lifetime contributions in air quality and climate change science.

22-7-4: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the California Air Resources Board’s Academic Memorandums of Understanding with Educational Institutions

The Board heard an update on the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between CARB and our educational partners in the Riverside area. The mutually beneficial partnerships will allow these educational partners to utilize the CARB Riverside facility to offer classes, tours and provide educational opportunities for local institutions to inspire students to learn more about air quality, the impacts of climate change and CARB’s efforts to clean the air. In this action, CARB signed updated MOUs with the University of California at Riverside, Riverside Community College District, and the Riverside Unified School District. The Board also formalized new MOUs with the Alvard Unified School District, Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, and the Riverside County Office of Education. These MOUs will facilitate highly cooperative educational and workforce development opportunities.



Public Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 19, 2022 and
Friday, May 20, 2022

Mary D. Nichols Campus, Southern California Headquarters
4001 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California 92507
Haagen-Smit Auditorium

Webcast (Livestream/Watch Only)
Zoom (Remote Public Participation – see below)

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Phone Number: (669) 900-6833
Webinar ID: 864 8345 6848

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Spanish interpretation will be provided for the May 19-20, 2022, Board Meeting.

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Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m.

Discussion Items:

The following agenda items may be heard in a different order at the Board Meeting.

Hardcopies of the Public Agenda and Proposed Resolutions (when applicable) will be provided at the meeting; all other documents linked below will only be available upon request.

22-7-1: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the California Air Resources Board's Racial Equity and Diversity Efforts

The Board will hear an update on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) racial equity and diversity efforts as it relates to implementation of Board Resolution 20-33, which directed staff to take certain actions to ensure racial equity permeates all of CARB's activities, in order to implement CARB's mission and considering that the impacts from air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions disproportionately affect communities of color.

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The following item will not be heard prior to 4:00 p.m.

22-7-2: Public Meeting to Receive Informational Update on Assembly Bill 617 Statewide Strategy

The Board will hear an update from CARB staff on the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Statewide Strategy (known as the Blueprint) revision process and hear a panel discussion with AB 617 Consultation Group members about the revision process and the People's Blueprint, which makes recommendations for incorporating the environmental justice perspective into the Statewide Strategy update.

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Friday, May 20, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Discussion Items:

The following agenda items may be heard in a different order at the Board Meeting.

Hardcopies of the Public Agenda and Proposed Resolutions (when applicable) will be provided at the meeting; all other documents linked below will only be available upon request.

22-7-3: 2020-2021 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards

The Board will present the 2020-2021 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards, considered the "Nobel Prize" in air quality achievement. These awards recognize extraordinary individuals who have made significant and lifetime contributions in air quality and climate change science.

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22-7-4: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the California Air Resources Board's Academic Memorandums of Understanding with Educational Institutions

The Board will hear an update on Memorandums of Understanding between CARB and educational institutions. In developing the state-of-the-art laboratory and relocation to Riverside, CARB signed academic memorandums to facilitate highly cooperative educational and workforce development opportunities and is currently expanding these efforts.

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Closed Session

The Board may hold a closed session, as authorized by Government Code section 11126(a)(1), and as authorized by Government Code section 11126(e), to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding the following pending or potential litigation:

Alliance for California Business v. California State Transportation Agency, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2016-80002491.

American Lung Association, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (D.C. Cir. 2021) 985 F.3d 914, cert. granted sub nom. *Westmoreland Mining Holdings v. EPA* (U.S., Oct. 29, 2021, No. 20-1778).

Best Energy Solutions & Technology Corp., et al v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-20-102198.

California v. Stout, et al., United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:20-cv-00371.

California v. Wheeler, et al., United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 19-1239.

California, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1024.

California, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al., United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1014.

California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 20CECG02250.

Clean Energy Renewable Fuels, LLC v. California Air Resources Board, Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01167039-CU-WM-CJC.

Competitive Enterprise Inst. v. NHTSA, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1145 (consolidated with No. 20-1167).

Environmental Defense Fund, et al., v. Andrew Wheeler, et al., United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1360.

Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission, et al., U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:17-cv-8733.

South Coast Air Quality Management District v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCP02985.

State of California v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 18-1096.

State of California v. Wheeler et. al., District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 19-1239, consolidated under No. 19-1230 along with Nos. 19-1241, 19-1242, 19-1243, 19-1245, 19-1246, and 19-1249.

State of California, et al., v. Andrew Wheeler, et al., United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1359.

State of California, et al. v. David Bernhardt, et al., United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:18-cv-5712-DMR; United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 20-16793.

State of California, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1018.

State of New York, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1026.

State of New York, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al., United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1028.

State of Massachusetts v. EPA, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1265.

State of New York, et al. v. Andrew Wheeler and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, Case No. 1:18-cv-00773.

State of North Dakota v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 15-1381.

State of North Dakota, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 16-1242.

State of Wyoming, et al. v. United States Department of the Interior, et al., U.S. District Court, District of Wyoming, Case No. 16-CV-285-SWS; United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, Case No. 20-8073.

Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association, Inc. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al., U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 16-1430.

People v. Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC 602973.

The Two Hundred, et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 18CECG01494.

Western States Petroleum Association v. California Air Resources Board, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCP03138x.

Westmoreland Mining v. EPA, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1160.

W.O. Stinson & Son LTD. v. Western Climate Initiative, Inc., Ontario Canada Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-00083726-0000.

Opportunity for Members of the Board to Comment on Matters of Interest

Board members may identify matters they would like to have noticed for consideration at future meetings and comment on topics of interest; no formal action on these topics will be taken without further notice.

Open Session to Provide an Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on Subject Matters within the Jurisdiction of the Board

Although no formal Board action may be taken, the Board is allowing an opportunity to interested members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the Board's jurisdiction, but that do not specifically appear on the agenda. Each person will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to ensure that everyone has a chance to speak. The public will also have an opportunity to *submit written comments* for open session the morning of the Board Meeting.

Other Information

Submit Comments Electronically the Day of the Board Meeting

View Submitted Comments

Please Note: PowerPoint presentations to be displayed during public comment at the Board meeting must be electronically submitted via email to the Clerks' Office at cotb@arb.ca.gov no later than noon on the business day prior to the scheduled Board meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerks' Office:

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CARB Homepage: www.arb.ca.gov

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma;
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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